

# Higher Education Coordinating Board Report

## Fall Tour 2009

Washington Council for  
High School-College Relations

- A state agency governed by a ***10-member citizen board*** appointed by the Governor to provide vision and leadership for public higher education in Washington
- ***An advocate*** with the Governor, Legislature, and public **for students** and the overall system of higher education
- The Board ***collaborates*** with two- and four-year institutions, both public and private, other state agencies and governing boards, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to create a ***seamless system of public education geared toward student success.***

## ***What does the HECB do?***

- Develops a **strategic master plan** for higher education
- Administers **financial aid** - more than \$236 million annually in state financial aid
- Oversees the **GET** program
- Sets **admission standards**
- Reviews, prioritizes, recommends budgets
- Analyzes system needs
- Provides degree authorization for out-of-state colleges and universities
- Approves programs for veterans' benefits

## *Master Plan – an Opportunity for change*

**The 2008 Legislature endorsed a new 10-year Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education.**



**Central Goal**  
**Increase the level of  
educational attainment  
in Washington.**

### **A Collaborative Effort**

State higher education institutions, state education agencies, legislators, policy experts, students, faculty, business and civic leaders, and many others contributed to the plan.

## We raise educational attainment by...

- Keeping college affordable
  - Financial aid, GET, tuition policy
- Building the pipeline and educating students to higher levels
  - P20 initiatives, diversity, transfer policy, GEAR UP
- Expanding the system to meet demand strategically and strengthen economic vitality
  - Needs assessment, system design and high demand programs

## Student Financial Assistance

### In 2007-2008

- **\$1.52 billion** - aid to needy students
- **Top five states** - Washington's rank for financial aid funding
- **Four out of 10** enrolled students received need-based aid

## **We are working to keep college affordable ...for today's students**

- **State Need Grant** (\$195 million in 2008-09; 71,000 students)
  - Eligibility – up to 70% of median family income (currently about \$54,500 for a family of 4)
- **State Work Study** (\$21.8 million; 9,500 students)
  - Need-based aid for students from low- and middle-income families
- **Scholarship Assistance** \$3.8 million
  - Washington Scholars Program (420 students)
  - WAVE - Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (301 students)

**... and tomorrow's**

Think you can't  
afford college?



Think again.

Are you in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade?  
You may be eligible for a four-year  
College Bound Scholarship.



Are you  
College Bound?

A Washington Opportunity Pathway

## College Bound Scholarship

*An early incentive scholarship designed to encourage 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from low-income families to "dream big."*

- In the first two years 48,000 students applied for the scholarship.
- Although there was a one-time extension to 9<sup>th</sup> graders last year, only 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders may apply this year forward.
- Contact [betha@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:betha@hecb.wa.gov) at the HECB to receive the names of scholars enrolled in your school.
- Communicate with students at your feeder middle schools during registration & other events.



### Passport to College Promise for former foster youth

Think you can't  
go to college?

Think again.

The state of Washington has created the **Passport to College Promise** just for foster youth like you.

This new program is designed to encourage foster youth to prepare for and succeed in college.



**This is *your*  
Passport to College.**

- A comprehensive program that provides significant financial aid, educational planning, & incentives to colleges for providing support services
- Students can complete a consent form to determine if they're eligible at: [www.hecb.wa.gov/passport](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/passport)
- 157 students served in 2008-09

## Washington State GEAR UP

- GEAR UP provides **year-round services** to 4,300 middle and high school students, and 33,000 through partnerships.
- GEAR UP **reduces need to remedial courses** through rigorous academic preparedness.
- GEAR UP **leverages state and local resources** to help students and parents, schools and communities.
- GEAR UP has **proven** to raise expectations, increase rates of high school graduation and college enrollment, persistence and completion.

**GET**, Washington's 529 prepaid tuition plan, lets you buy future college tuition now, with a guaranteed return

- **Guaranteed:** Washington State guarantees that the money you save will keep pace with rising tuition.
- **Use it anywhere:** GET units can be used at most colleges, universities, and vocational schools nationwide.
- **Tax exempt:** GET accounts offer tax free growth and withdrawals.
- **Flexible:** Units can be transferred, put on hold, or even refunded if family circumstances change.

Enroll September 15 through March 31

Visit [www.get.wa.gov](http://www.get.wa.gov) or call 1.800.955.2318



# Powerful Tool for Students

**TheWashBoard.org** is a free, innovative, online scholarship matching tool that makes it easier for *students and counselors* to:

- > Find & prioritize scholarships that match students' needs
- > Connect students with more, better & *local* opportunities online
- > Access a wider diversity of scholarships
- > Manage all scholarship apps in one stop
- > Leverage social media networks to share & learn about scholarship opportunities faster



# Minimum College Admission Standards and College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR)

RCW 28B.76.290(2) requires the HECB to set minimum college admission standards for freshmen students who enter the state's four-year public baccalaureate institutions

## Intent of the minimum college admissions standards:

- Help ensure students admitted to baccalaureate institutions are **academically prepared** to enter college and earn their degrees; and
- Encourage students to enroll **in challenging coursework** throughout their HS careers.

## Meeting the standards:

- Represents the **minimum level of preparation** required for admission to public baccalaureate institutions; and
- **Does not guarantee** admission to a public baccalaureate institution (institutions may require higher standards).

	NCAA Eligibility Requirements	Core 24 Graduation Requirements	College Academic Distribution Requirements ( <i>effective 2012-13*</i> )
<b>College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR)</b>			<b>3 CADR credits</b> required each year of high school
Subject Areas	Credits	Credits	Credits
English	4	4	4
Mathematics	3 (algebra1 or higher)	3 (Alg. 2, incl. 1 math in sr. year)	3 (Alg. 2, incl. 1 math in sr. year)
Science	2 (1 lab science)	3 (2 lab science— 1 algebra-based)	2 (both lab science--1 algebra-based) <b>*effective 2010</b>
World Languages		0-2	2
Arts		2	1
Social Sciences	2	3	3
Health & Fitness		2	
Career Concentration		3	
Electives	5 including 1 additional English, math or science	2-4 depending on pathway	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15-16</b> (depending on how math and science requirements are met)



# *Minimum College Admission Standards*

## **Policy changes**

- SAT/ACT still required – encourage all students to take one of these tests
- “Credit” replaces a “year of coursework” to recognize block scheduling or alternative course delivery models
- Students required to complete at least 3 credits of CADR coursework in each year of high school
- 2.0 GPA still required
- Use of the Admissions Index as admissions criteria eliminated
- Comprehensive review of admission applications encouraged but not required
- Up to 15 percent of freshmen may be admitted at each institution’s discretion, even if the students don’t meet the state minimums

# *Minimum College Admission Standards*

## Implementation Timeline

### Summer 2010

- Baccalaureate institutions implement admission requirement for **2 credits of laboratory science**, with 1 credit required in algebra-based biology, chemistry or physics.

### Fall 2011

- High school **seniors** must earn one CADR credit in math or other math-based quantitative coursework, e.g., statistics, applied math, appropriate career and technical courses; algebra-based science also would satisfy the senior-year quantitative requirement.
- Does not mean students must pass a higher level of math; intent is meaningful math in senior year.

### Summer 2012

- Baccalaureate institutions **fully implement** the Board's new minimum admission standards.

## *Minimum College Admission Standards*

### Options for meeting senior-year quantitative requirement include:

- Intermediate Algebra (Algebra II) or Integrated Math III in senior year.
- A higher level of math (pre-calculus) if Intermediate Algebra or Integrated Math III is completed.
- The required algebra-based science course in senior year.
- Statistics, applied math, another **algebra-based science course** or appropriate career and technical courses that qualify as quantitative, math-based courses.

***Substitute Provision:*** Students who successfully complete math through pre-calculus would meet the math requirements and be exempt from the senior-year math requirement, even if they complete pre-calculus before their fourth year of high school.

## Science — 2 credits

- High school juniors in 2008 and thereafter, must begin working towards earning two credits in laboratory sciences, including one credit of algebra-based biology, chemistry or physics.
- Work can commence on meeting this requirement prior to the junior year.
- The above requirement must be met for entry into baccalaureate institutions **beginning in 2010.**

*Contact us for more information*

## Higher Education Coordinating Board

[www.hecb.wa.gov](http://www.hecb.wa.gov)

Minimum College Admission Standards: *Guidelines for Educators* and *An Overview for Students and Parents*

[www.hecb.wa.gov/research/issues/admissions.asp](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/research/issues/admissions.asp)

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GET Program  
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